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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1646

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Sampath et al.

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MORPHOGENESIS AND ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT AFTER JULY 26, 2004 FINAL ACTION
(37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a final Office Action dated July 26, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 6, and 8-28. The Office Action provides a period of three months for filing a response. Therefore, a response is due by October 26, 2004. Applicants are concomitantly requesting a one-month extension of time. Accordingly, the due date is now November 26, 2004, and this response is being timely filed. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amended Claims are in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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